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CITY OF SAN DIEGO REMINDS SCRIPPS RANCH AND TIERRASANTA FIRE VICTIMS TO REQUEST TRASH AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS

SAN DIEGO, CA—City of San Diego Environmental Services Department reminds Scripps Ranch and Tierrasanta residents completing the rebuilding of their homes destroyed in the October 2003 fires to request new curbside trash and recycling containers before their move in date. To request new containers, please call the Environmental Services Department's Customer Service Representatives at (858) 694-7000.

Requests from the Scripps Ranch and Tierrasanta residents will have priority and the delivery of new containers will happen approximately three weeks from placing of the order, and on the resident's regular collection day.

"We look forward to restart refuse and recyclables collection service to our Scripps Ranch and Tierrasanta customers," said Elmer L. Heap, Jr., director of the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department. "Recycling is particularly important because it conserves landfill space and assists the City in achieving the State's 50 percent diversion mandate. Currently, the City diverts approximately 44 percent of waste from entering the landfill through its recycling programs, but to achieve 50 percent San Diegans must recycle more," he said.

Collection of yard waste materials is offered biweekly to 180,000 single-family homes throughout the city. Curbside yard waste collection containers are not provided by the City. Residents are required to place yard waste into 32- or 45-gallon trash containers, or a white nylon 65-gallon reusable bag, which may be purchased from the Environmental Services Department.

To learn if yard waste collection is offered at your home or for more information about curbside trash and recycling collection, please visit the ESD Web site at www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services. The site also offers access to a printable 2005 Curbside Recycling Calendar which provides residents with the types of City collection services offered at their addresses, lists what can and cannot be recycled in their blue recycling bins and yard waste collection containers, and displays the City's recognized holidays when trash, recycling and yard waste collections are delayed by one day.

The City of San Diego Environmental Services Department is charged with refuse collection and disposal, recycling and environmentally sound landfill management to meet the City's long-term disposal needs. The Department also oversees the City's management of energy use and explores innovative options for energy independence.

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